



SYNOPSIS

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 24, 2014

HB 1477 Delegate Stukes

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland and Its Jurisdiction, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, located in Maryland; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1478 Delegate Cullison, et al

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MELVIN J. BERMAN HEBREW ACADEMY

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$65,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes; etc.

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HB 1479 Delegate Frank, et al**ELECTION LAW – BALTIMORE CITY REPUBLICAN PARTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE – FILLING OF VACANCIES**

Providing that an individual appointed to fill a vacancy of a member of the Baltimore City Republican Party Central Committee may reside anywhere in Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

EL, § 4-203(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1480 Delegate Conaway**ELECTRICITY – SMART METER INSTALLATION CHARGES –
RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY**

Prohibiting an electric company from charging a specified tenant for the installation of a smart meter on residential rental property leased by the tenant.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

PU, § 7-302.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1481 Delegate Conaway**ELECTRICITY – SMART METER INSTALLATION – CONSENT
REQUIREMENT**

Prohibiting an electric company from installing a smart meter on the exterior of any building without the written consent of the owner of the building or, if the building is rented, the tenant of the building.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

PU, § 7-302.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1482 Delegate Conaway**ELECTRICITY – CUSTOMER BILLING – SMART METER INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS**

Requiring an electric company to give specified written notice to specified customers before installing smart meters on a customer's premises under specified circumstances; requiring a specified notice to disclose the costs to a customer of installing and maintaining a smart meter on the customer's premises; prohibiting an electric company from billing a customer for specified charges except under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

PU, § 7-302.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1483 Delegates Hucker and Costa**STATE REFORMED CONTRIBUTORY EMPLOYEES' AND TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEMS – PRIOR ELIGIBILITY SERVICE**

Authorizing a member of the State Reformed Contributory Employees' Pension System or the State Reformed Contributory Teachers' Pension System who meets specified requirements to combine specified prior eligibility service in the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System with the member's current service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

SP, § 23-303.1 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1484 Delegate Conaway**ELECTRICITY – EXTERIOR SMART METERS – REPLACEMENT**

Authorizing an electric customer to request the removal of a specified smart meter and the reinstallation of an analog meter at the electric customer's premises any time within a specified 3-year period; requiring an electric company, on receipt of a request under the Act, to promptly remove a specified smart meter and reinstall an analog meter at an electric customer's premises at no cost to the electric customer; making the Act applicable only to smart meters installed on the exterior of an electric customer's premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

PU, § 7-302.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1485 Delegate Conaway**ELECTRICITY – SMART METER INSTALLATION – DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting an electric company from installing a smart meter on a customer's premises without the explicit written consent of the customer; requiring a specified electric company to give specified written notice to specified customers before installing smart meters on a customer's premises under specified circumstances; and requiring a specified notice to disclose specified costs and state that a customer has the option to refuse the installation of a smart meter in a specified manner.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

PU, § 7-302.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1486 Delegate Conaway**ELECTRICITY – INTERIOR SMART METERS – REPLACEMENT**

Authorizing an electric customer to request the removal of a specified smart meter and the reinstallation of an analog meter at the electric customer's premises any time within a specified 3-year period; requiring an electric company, on receipt of a request under the Act, to promptly remove a specified smart meter and reinstall an analog meter at an electric customer's premises at no cost to the electric customer; making the Act applicable only to smart meters installed on the interior of an electric customer's premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

PU, § 7-302.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1487 Delegates Love and Beidle**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CAMP WHIPPOORWILL LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Camp Whippoorwill Living Shoreline Project including the installation and development of a living shoreline, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1488 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Budget and Management) (By Request – Departmental – Transportation), et al

STATE PROCUREMENT – SOURCE SELECTION AND PROTEST
APPEALS PROCEDURES – REVISIONS

Requiring that a party filing a specified appeal with the State Board of Contract Appeals simultaneously submit to the Board a specified bond or other form of acceptable security; requiring, in a specified appeal, the Board to request a unit, in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General, to submit a specified report and furnish a copy of the report to specified persons; requiring that specified comments on a specified report or a specified rebuttal be filed with the Board within specified time periods; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

SF, §§ 13-202 and 15-221 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1489 Delegate Hubbard

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – MENTAL
HEALTH FACILITIES – ACCREDITATION

Repealing a requirement that the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene consider accreditation of specified mental health facilities by specified accrediting organizations; and authorizing the Secretary to consider accreditation of specified mental health facilities by an accrediting organization approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 10-901(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1490 St. Mary's County Delegation

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – LEONARDTOWN – ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES – SPECIAL ART ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE

Establishing a special art establishment license in St. Mary's County; specifying that the license may be used by a business in Leonardtown engaged in specified activities; prohibiting the issuance of the license to a specified type of business; authorizing a license holder to sell or serve beer and wine at retail for consumption on the premises under specified circumstances; providing for an annual license fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 8-219.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1491 Delegate Oaks, et al**TRANSPORTATION – CITIZENS’ ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE BALTIMORE CORRIDOR TRANSIT STUDY – RED LINE**

Providing that a member of the Citizens’ Advisory Council for the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line is entitled to reimbursement of expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Chapter 2 of the Acts of the Special Session of 2006, § 2 and Chapter 3 of the Acts of the Special Session of 2006, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1492 Delegate Hixson, et al**COMMUNICATIONS TAX REFORM ACT OF 2014**

Repealing the public service company franchise tax on the gross receipts of telephone companies; repealing the boxing and wrestling tax on specified telecasts; imposing the sales and use tax on specified communications services; establishing the sales and use tax rate for specified communications services; requiring that the revenue from the sales and use tax on communications services be distributed to the Rural Broadband Assistance Fund and the General Fund of the State in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EC, § 5-1102 - amended and TG, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1493 Allegany County Delegation**ALLEGANY COUNTY – DEPUTY SHERIFFS – MEALS ON DUTY**

Repealing a provision of law entitling an Allegany County deputy sheriff to free meals while on duty in addition to the deputy sheriff’s salary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 2-309(b) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1494 Delegate McDermott, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MISDEMEANORS – CITATIONS**

Altering a provision of law that requires a police officer to charge specified misdemeanors by citation; authorizing a police officer to charge specified misdemeanors by citation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CP, § 4-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1495 Delegate Conaway**CRIMES – ROBBERY COMMITTED AGAINST ELDERLY PERSONS – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person under the age of 50 years from committing or attempting to commit robbery if the victim is an individual over the age of 62 years; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act; and providing that a sentence imposed under the Act shall be consecutive to and not concurrent with a specified other sentence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 3-403.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1496 Delegates Conaway and Glass**BALTIMORE CITY – CONSUMER RELATIONS – SMART METERS**

Requiring an electric company that deploys smart meters in Baltimore City to give specified written notice to specified customers before installing smart meters on a customer's premises under specified circumstances; specifying the contents of a specified notice; requiring an electric company to provide a specified customer with a postage prepaid and preaddressed envelope for return mailing of a specified notice; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

PU, § 7-302.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations